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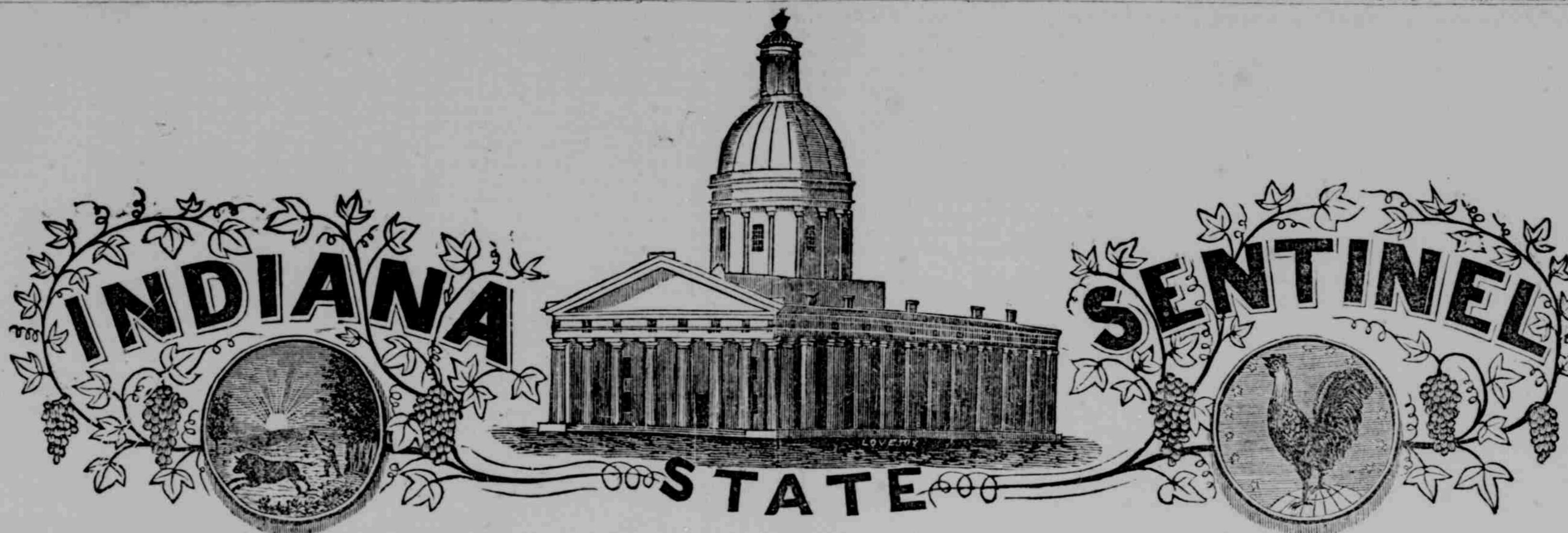
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Horrific Revelation.

According to a statement in the St. Louis Union, it seems that the mysterious disappearance of McKnight from Monroe has at length been accounted for, and the sequel reveals a plot of villainy which we have seldom known equalled, or believe to be surpassed in the history of crime.

Our readers will recollect that a short time since two persons were arrested at Monroe, under suspicion of having murdered a man by the name of McKnight. One of them, Walworth, was the partner of the missing man, in the proprietorship of a wharf boat, and the other a bar-keeper of the firm.

"On the night of the disappearance of McKnight, cries were heard on the boat, and shortly after a splash in the water, as though a heavy body had fallen overboard. Next morning blood was found about the boat, and the hat of the missing man cut through, as though by a blow from a hatchet—which instrument was also found, bloody, and having about it human hair.

"It was known that Walworth and McKnight had not been on good terms for some days, and suspicion immediately attached to the two persons, who were subsequently arrested. The citizens held a public meeting, and were on the eve of hanging one or both of the accused, when a rumor gained currency that McKnight had been seen floating down the river near Quincy in a canoe. This rumor served to save the lives of the men, and a committee was despatched to ascertain the truth.

"In due time the deputation returned, having been unsuccessful in its search, and the rumor was pronounced a trick of the friends of the accused to gain time. The fury of the mob, however, had become somewhat abated, and, better counsel prevailing, the men were ordered to prison to await a judicial investigation.

"A day or two since Mr. J. B. McKnight, brother to the missing man, visited the city, having received some intimation that a person concerned in the supposed murder was here. From this city circumstance led him to visit Jefferson Barracks, where he discovered, not the murderer, but his own brother, alive and well. He had enlisted, and was found a soldier in the regular service.

"The Union says: 'He stated to his brother that he had become involved, and that one of the persons accused of his murder had threatened to take his life. It was to screen himself and to punish this man that it pursued the course he had.'

"He states that while writing the letter, in the room where it was found, his nose commenced bleeding; he smacked the blood upon the letter, took the hatchet which was found, cut his hat with it, stained its blade with blood, cut from his head some hair, attached it to the blood upon the hatchet, collected blood in his hand and rubbed it upon the door jam, went to the river, got into a canoe and floated down under the guard of the boats to prevent being seen, arrived at Hannibal, and enlisted in the army."

"On reviewing the case, well may the advocates of Lynch law tremble. Had it not been for the mere accident—the prevalence of the rumor adverted to—an innocent man would have been hurried into eternity, as many others have doubtless been through the haste of such unwarantable proceedings. The Monroe Lynchers should be thankful that in this instance they have been spared the commission of murder.—*St. Louis Review.*

"Well also, the Reville might have added, may the advocates of capital punishment 'tremble.' Had the circumstances not come to light by some fortunate accident, the accused might have been tried, convicted, and hanged, no matter how strongly they avowed their innocence. The advocates of hanging should be thankful that in this case the accused were saved from 'judicial murder.'

"WELL PUT.—The New York editors are at loggerheads about Power's Greek Slave. Some are so fastidious as to insist that the statue ought to have been made with drapery—a statue of female purity robed in petticoats and frock, with well arranged bustle and costly ornaments! The Evening Post hits off such critics in the following style:

"Swift defines a nice man to be 'a man of nasty ideas.' There is some truth in this. It is possible for some persons to see suggestions of impurity in things which in themselves are pure and innocent.

The fastidiousness of the Turks is cultivated to such a degree that the women never appear in public but with the whole face covered except the eyes. A Turk would be as much shocked at the sight of a lady in the streets without a veil, as those sensitive persons among us, who perceive an impropriety in looking at a block of marble hewn into a representation of the unclothed human figure."

"The Journal, we perceive, is so fastidious that it shrinks from even the common form of expression for the absence of clothing. Its very language is a drapery—the Greek Slave, it says, represents a 'draped' figure. I think the old Saxon term, but it is so familiar a word that the *Journal of Commerce* shrugs from giving it up, and tries to wrap up its meaning in a word of Latin etymology, which means exactly the same thing. It is well for us who read our Bibles, that the translators of the Scriptures lived before the people became so squeamish as to think of this affection.

The following capital "reply" to the "Doctor's letter" was written by Mr. Weyman, the orderly of Capt. Hagan's dragons. There is something very delicate in its wit. If the orderly can hit the Mexicans with as much skill, he will make the dragons famous.

Mobile Herald.

The Doctor's Letter.

God and the doctor alike abhor

Just as the hour of danger, not before;

The danger over, and the sickness left;

God is forgotten, and the doctor slighted.

The Reply.

"God and the doctor we alike abhor,"

As well when danger's past, as 'just before';

But God exerts, for kindness conferred,

Naught but our thanks—our gratitude—a word;

While sinful man—lump of earth—a clod—

Presumes to ask for even more than God.

Sympathy.—Russel was singing the dismal song entitled "The Gambler's Wife," and having uttered the words—

"Hush! it comes not yet!

The clock strikes one!"

he struck the key to imitate the sullen knell of the departed hour, when a respectably dressed lady ejaculated, to the amusement of everybody, "Wouldn't I have fetched him home!" All of Mrs. Caudle's lectures were concentrated in that little sentence.

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